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Listing of Claims:

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended): A light-channeling apparatus, ~~for a scanning module having a light source and a body casing, wherein the body casing has a light passage slit, the light-channeling apparatus comprising:~~
a first light-guiding tube attached to ~~[[the]]~~ a body casing, wherein the first light-guiding tube is positioned between ~~[[the]]~~ a light source and a document; ~~[[and]]~~
a second light-guiding tube attached to the body casing, wherein the second light-guiding tube is positioned between the document and ~~[[the]]~~ a light passage slit in the body casing; and
a collimating lens located inside the first light-guiding tube.
2. (Currently Amended): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ interior sidewalls of the first light-guiding tube ~~has have~~ comprise a reflective coating.
3. (Currently Amended): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ interior sidewalls of the second light-guiding tube ~~has have~~ comprise a reflective coating.
4. (Original): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus further includes a light-guiding body inside the first light-guiding tube.

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5. (Original): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus further includes a light-guiding body inside the second light-guiding tube.

6. (Currently Amended): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first light-guiding tube ~~has~~ comprises a hollow interior.

7. (Currently Amended): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second light-guiding tube ~~has~~ comprises a hollow interior.

8. (Cancelled): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus further includes a collimating lens inside the first light-guiding tube.

9. (Original): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the document end of the first light-guiding tube and the document end of the second light-guiding tube are fused together.

10. (Currently Amended): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first light-guiding tube and the ~~scanning module~~ body casing are ~~fabricated together as an~~ integrative unit.

11. (Currently Amended): The light-channeling apparatus of claim 1, wherein the second light-guiding tube and the ~~scanning module~~ body casing are ~~fabricated together as an~~ integrative unit.

12. (Currently Amended): A scanning module ~~for scanning a document~~, comprising:
a body casing ~~having~~ comprising a light passage slit thereon;
a light source attached to the body casing;
~~a plurality of one or more~~ reflecting mirrors inside the body casing;
a lens inside the body casing;
a light-sensing device inside the body casing; ~~[[and]]~~

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a light-channeling apparatus joined to the body casing, wherein the light-channeling apparatus includes a first light-guiding tube and a second light-guiding tube such that the first light-guiding tube is positioned between the light source and ~~[[the]]~~ a document and the second light-guiding tube is positioned between the document and the light passage slit; and a collimating lens located inside the first light-guiding tube.

13. (Currently Amended): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ interior sidewalls of the first light-guiding tube ~~has have~~ comprise a reflective coating.

14. (Currently Amended): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ interior sidewalls of the second light-guiding tube ~~has have~~ comprise a reflective coating.

15. (Original): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein the module further includes a light-guiding body inside the first light-guiding tube.

16. (Original): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein the module further includes a light-guiding body inside the second light-guiding tube.

17. (Currently Amended): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein the first light-guiding tube ~~has~~ comprises a hollow interior.

18. (Currently Amended): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein the second light-guiding tube ~~has~~ comprises a hollow interior.

19. (Canceled): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein the module further includes a collimating lens inside the first light-guiding tube.

20. (Original): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein the document end of the first light-guiding tube and the document end of the second light-guiding tube are fused together.

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21. (Currently Amended): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein the first light-guiding tube and the body casing are ~~fabricated together~~ as an integrative unit.

22. (Currently Amended): The scanning module of claim 12, wherein the second light-guiding tube and the body casing are ~~fabricated together~~ as an integrative unit.

23. (New): A method, comprising:
guiding light from a light source to a document via a first light-guiding tube attached to a body casing;
guiding reflected light from the document through a light passage slit into the body casing via a second light-guiding tube attached to the body casing; and
focusing the light from the light source via a collimating lens located inside the first light-guiding tube.

24. (New): The method of claim 23, further comprising reflecting light within the first light-guiding tube via a reflective coating on interior sidewalls of the first light-guiding tube.

25. (New): The method of claim 23, further comprising reflecting light within the second light-guiding tube via a reflective coating on interior sidewalls of the second light-guiding tube.

26. (New): The method of claim 23, further comprising increasing light-focusing power via a light-guiding body inside the first light-guiding tube.

27. (New): The method of claim 23, further comprising increasing light-focusing power via a light-guiding body inside the second light-guiding tube.

28. (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the first light-guiding tube comprises a hollow interior.

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29. (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the second light-guiding tube comprises a hollow interior.

30. (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the document end of the first light-guiding tube and the document end of the second light-guiding tube are fused together.

31. (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the first light-guiding tube and the body casing are an integrative unit.

32. (New): The method of claim 23, wherein the second light-guiding tube and the body casing are an integrative unit.